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PREPARING AN ASSAY READY BIOLOGICAL  
SAMPLE

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**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE**  
**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 AND § 1.97**

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Sir:

In accordance with the continuing duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97 to inform the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of any claim of the application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby invite the Examiner’s attention to references C01-C02 listed on the attached form entitled “List of References Cited.” Copies of these references are submitted as Exhibits A and B to the Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 with Amendment submitted herewith.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the foregoing references and that the references be made of record in the file history of the application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), since this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, a fee of \$180.00 is due. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.

Respectfully submitted,

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